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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

**AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO CONTRACT WITH SPECIAL COUNSEL
MERRICK J. BOBB
(All Districts) (3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and direct the Chairman to sign the enclosed Amendment Number 2 to Contract No. 74746, for the period January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 increasing Special Counsel Merrick Bobb's compensation by \$25,000 for a special investigation.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Special Counsel's contract provides that he shall receive up to \$200,000 for monitoring the implementation of the Kolts Report, and up to \$25,000 in fees and expenses for conducting a special investigation requested by your Board in 2003.

On May 11, 2004 your Board requested Special Counsel Merrick J. Bobb to conduct an investigation into the April 20, 2004 death of an inmate who was a prosecution witness. Mr. Bobb has informed us that in order to conduct this most recently requested investigation, he will require an additional \$25,000 in fees and expenses. The existing contract with Special Counsel does not provide for this additional compensation. On August 10, 2004, your Board approved the payment of up to \$10,000 to Special Counsel to retain experts for the same investigation.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

This Amendment will allow Special Counsel to receive up to \$25,000 in fees and expenses for conducting the special investigation authorized on May 11, 2004.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that your Board approve and direct the Chairman to sign the enclosed Amendment Number 2 to Contract No. 74746.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED AND RELEASED:

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Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
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Merrick J. Bobb